APR 19 2006 Docket No. NDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER **KAMMON 3.0-069 CONT** Examiner Art Unit Application No. Filing Date 10/645,773-Conf. #8770 August 21, 2003 B. S. Carrillo 1746 Applicant(s): Hidehiko Kawaguchi, Yuji Shimizu, Shingo Hosohata, and Koichi Tamoto Invention: A METHOD FOR RINSING CLEANED OBJECTS TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. CLAIMS AS AMENDED Claims Highest Remaining Number Number After **Previously Extra Claims** Rate **Amendment** Paid Present 20 **Total Claims** 19 Independent 2 3 X **Claims** Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 x | Large Entity **Small Entity** x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ ____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. x | The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: April 13, 2006 April M. Capati Attorney/Agent Reg. No.: 54,298 LERNER, DAVID, LITTENBERG, KRUMHOLZ & MENTLIK, LLP 600 South Avenue West Westfield, New Jersey 07090

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 18, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.